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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to encourage the USPTO to consider Boise, Idaho as a location for a future USPTO satellite office. I am a registered patent attorney who relocated to Boise from southern California in 2003. Since that time, I have been actively involved in recruiting other patent practitioners to Boise from cities all over the country, including Seattle, Portland, Houston, Dallas, and Washington, D.C. In every case, the patent practitioners who relocated to Boise have indicated an improvement in their overall quality of life, and they have decided to remain in Boise indefinitely. Based on my own personal experience in recruiting patent professionals to Boise over the years, I am confident that a USPTO satellite office in Boise will improve the recruitment of patent examiners and enhance long-term patent examiner retention.

In addition, a USPTO satellite office in Boise will enable the USPTO to better connect with major patent filers such as Micron Technology, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Development Co., and Microsoft Corp., each of which has a site in Boise. Boise is also centrally located in the northwest region and easily accessible from other cities with significant patent activity, such as San Jose, Seattle, and Denver. In fact, in one recent independent study, Boise was recommended as one of two candidate cities for the next USPTO satellite based on an analysis of the distribution of registered patent practitioners by state. This study is available at the following link:

<http://www.patentlly.com/patent/2011/12/where-should-we-put-the-next-two-patent-offices.html>.

Overall, I believe Boise would be an ideal location for a USPTO satellite due to its unique combination of high innovation activity, educated workforce, high quality of life, and affordable cost of living. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
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